



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Robert A. Blakley, *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1723
Serial No. 10/056,027 : Examiner: D. Sorkin
Filed: January 28, 2002 :
For: SEAL SHAFT SHUTOFF DEVICE AND METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003 to which a response is due without an extension by December 17, 2003. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.